

## Provisional Vital Statistics for December 2019

**Live Births** decreased in December as 5,836 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,928 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for calendar year 2019 decreased from 73,281 in 2018 to 72,103 in 2019.

**Deaths** increased slightly in December as 5,401 Missourians died compared with 5,375 in December, 2018. Total deaths decreased by 1.5 percent from 63,110 in 2018 to 62,137 in 2019.

The **Natural Increase** in December for Missourians was 435 (5,836 births minus 5,401 deaths). In 2019 the natural increase declined from 10,171 to 9,966, which is the lowest natural increase since the depression in 1936.

**Marriages** decreased in December, as well as for the 12 months ending with December. Total marriages in 2019 decreased from 39,692 in 2018 to 35,742, the lowest Missouri marriage count since 1962.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** decreased in December, and also decreased for the 12 months ending with December. Dissolutions decreased by 4.9 percent from 18,630 in 2018 to 17,726 in 2019, the lowest dissolution total since 1970. In 2019 the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.13 to 2.02.

**Infant Deaths** in December increased as 33 Missouri infants died compared with 25 in 2018. For 2019, the infant death rate decreased from 6.3 to 6.0 per 1,000 live births, the lowest Missouri infant death rate on record.

### PROVISIONAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI 2019

<u>Item</u>	<u>December</u>				<u>12 months ending with December</u>									
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>				<u>Rate*</u>					
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
<b>Live Births</b> .....	5,928	5,836	11.4	11.2	74,664	73,017	73,281	72,103	12.4	12.3	12.0	12.0	11.7	
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,375	5,401	10.3	10.4	59,824	61,866	63,110	62,137	9.6	9.8	10.1	10.3	10.1	
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	553	435	1.1	0.8	14,840	11,151	10,171	9,966	2.8	2.4	1.8	1.7	1.6	
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,491	1,950	4.8	3.7	41,747	40,316	39,692	35,742	6.7	6.9	6.6	6.5	5.8	
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,601	1,556	3.1	3.0	19,997	19,187	18,630	17,726	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.9	
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	25	33	4.2	5.7	490	456	459	432	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.3	6.0	
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)			6,126	6,137					6,056	6,087	6,109	6,126	6,137	

\* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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